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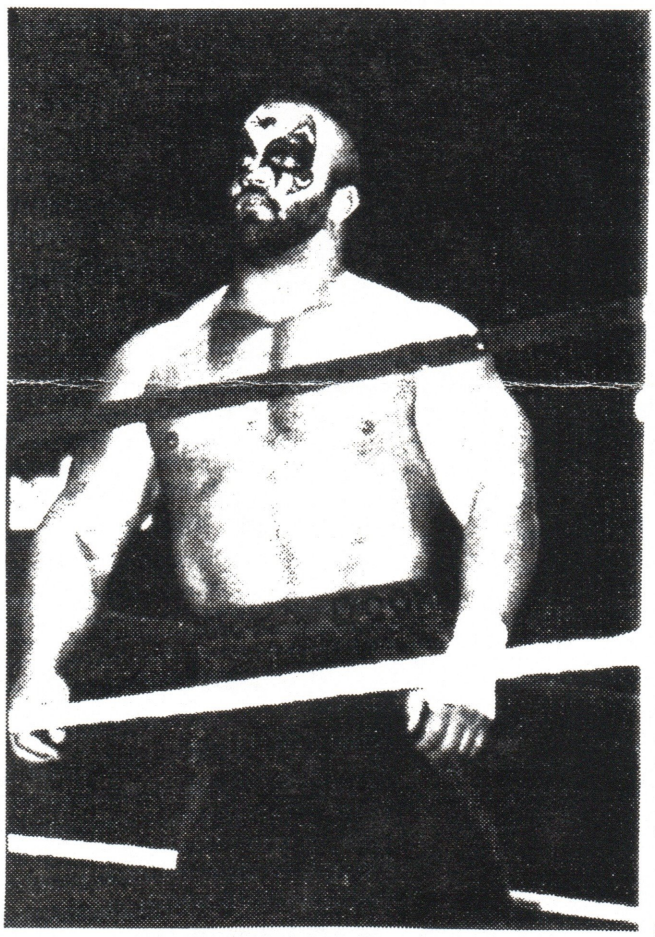
INTERVIEW
ANIMAL

Back in late August, one of the most successful tag teams in professional wrestling history dissolved, at least for the time being, as Hawk left the WWF and his partner of ten years, Animal, and their longtime manager and friend, Paul Ellering. Animal decided to stay with the company, until now, as he phoned the offices of Titan Sports on Wednesday October 21 to notify them that he was quitting. The following is an interview with Animal that was conducted by the editor, John Clark, via telephone from Animal's home near Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the very day that he quit, Wednesday October 21.



JC: What were some of your reasons for quitting?

ANIMAL: Basically, the reason was due to medical reasons. I retired myself from the WWF. I probably wouldn't have done it this soon, but without my partner, there's no other reason for me to stay there anyway. And these are injuries that have been agonizing, that should have been taken care of and they weren't. With the schedule of the WWF, there's no way you can heel. For instance, last month I broke my tailbone in Japan working against The Beverly Brothers and I've been on the road everyday since and there's just no time for it to heel up.

JC: Going back to when Hawk quit, when he stayed over in England and called the office two days later to tell them he was quitting. What kind of communication was there between you and Hawk about him leaving?

ANIMAL: There was no communication. Paul and I showed up at TV (tapings in Hershey, PA, on 9/1, two days after SummerSlam) and we didn't find out until about six o'clock that evening, and we were at TV since twelve o'clock that afternoon. We found out that possibly he wasn't going to come, but we didn't know for sure, so we stayed again the second day at TV, then we found out he wasn't going to come, for sure.

JC: Have you heard from him at all since then?

ANIMAL: No, not since that happened, not in the last month and a half. But he definitely has his own problems. All I know is that Paul and I didn't find out until about five days after SummerSlam.

JC: How do you feel about that?

ANIMAL: I'm perturbed about it. Myself, I thought that with the nine years, almost ten years being together, setting the standards that we did for wrestling, that we owed more to each other than to just let it happen like that.

JC: And being together that long,

it had to be more than a business relationship.

ANIMAL: It actually couldn't. Even like my kids, I come home from the airport and my kids are hugging and kissing him, hey Uncle Hawk, how you doing? So by doing that, it not only hurt me, he hurt my family, and everything, and this is one thing he didn't take into consideration, I guess.

JC: What do you see as the future for the Road Warriors?

ANIMAL: No other team will ever accomplish what we have or stay together for as long as we have, not even The Steiner Brothers. Our future after the United States was done was Japan. I guess he's going over to Japan by himself. I guess he's tagging up with a Japanese guy, which in my opinion, our main objective to wrestle in Japan was to wrestle Japanese. Why in the world would you tag with a Japanese guy in Japan? But that's his decision.

JC: I'm just shocked that he never called you about any of this.

ANIMAL: Well brother, there just comes a time, whenever you think you have mutual respect with a person, I guess it really wasn't there as much as you thought it was, and then you find out at the harshest time that it wasn't. I've stuck with him through thick and thin for nine years, no matter what kind of personal problems or whatever problems he got suspended for or whatever, I stuck by him and I was there. There were plenty of times that I was approached to go singular, but I never did. I valued the tag team and the unstoppable force we had together.

JC: Where does this situation leave Paul Ellering now?

ANIMAL: Paul was in the same boat I was. See, Paul Ellering is financially set. He really is a mastermind, you know, wall street, the whole works, that's the truth. And Paul really doesn't need this business. He is probably one of the main reasons why we got to where we were. Without his tutelage in the beginning there, we would have never made it. Paul was an actual manager, he wasn't a fly by night guy who came to TV one day and they said, 'You're a manager,' we hired him as a manager. Paul Ellering was probably the only real manager in wrestling over the last twenty years. I know for sure with us, he was our only real manager.

JC: Was there any problems between the three of you before this thing happened with Hawk (Mike Hegstrand)?

ANIMAL: When you're together that long with somebody, sure you're going to have your disagreements. Ten years is like being married, you're going to have arguments, but you always come to a happy medium because you're both working for the same goal, achieve to be the best, right. But this last decision of his totally flabbergasted me. After it happened, they were going to team me up with Crush. Working out with Crush went over good in Europe because I was already booked over in Europe. Just cause Mike quit at SummerSlam, didn't mean I was going to fill my contract with Japan and fill my contract with Europe. I went over to Japan by myself and wrestled The Beverly Brothers by myself and I wrestled Paul Diamond by myself. I got standing ovations by the Japanese people, and that was with a lesser office, working for Tenryu, working for WAR. But my popularity has not changed because you have to look at my last three defeats over in Japan. We won the tag team tournament for that office, we beat Earthquake & Typhoon, and we beat Hulk Hogan & Tenryu over there. So we've proven ourselves to be worthy opponents for anybody, anywhere and anytime we could go out in any foreign country and sell out a house, no matter where it is. They accepted me with open arms.

JC: It must be great working over there, for the money and because the people over there respect the sport and they want to see is guys working hard.

ANIMAL: Exactly, it's what you give them. With the Japanese people, it's all about respect. They know and they're trained and that's why it's going to be fun to see how the reaction is with Hawk and his Japanese partner because we're accustomed to getting the good reviews when he and I got together. And I know damn well that no matter who he tags up with, it's not going to get the same reviews as when he was with me.

JC: Business over there seems to still be going good, but what do you think is the problem right now in the U.S.?

ANIMAL: The United States has been prostituted in the fact that you've got twenty different organizations on TV, trying to accomplish the same thing. I'll be honest, WCW has nothing that anybody wants to watch. The WWF, they've got people that want to watch, but being misused in the wrong way. Thank God through thick and thin, no matter how much any promoter, whether it was Jim Herd, Vince McMahon, Verne Gagne, no matter who it was that would ever try to keep us down as The Road Warriors, it never worked. They could not keep it down because no matter who we worked against, whether it was the so-called heel or babyface, the people wanted to see us kick their ass. It sounds kind of stupid, but we are modern day Supermen, it was like you took Superman out of the comic book strip and you put him in spikes, shoulderpads, and paint.

JC: And over the years you never had to change your gimmick or anything and you weren't like a Hulk Hogan, where people are asked to like him, where he has to verbally talk them into his certain charisma.

ANIMAL: We didn't have to go out there and ask anybody to cheer, 'LOD, LOD,' they knew when the tag team went out there, that something was going to happen. They were taught that way from day one and they were educated that way, that

is the bottom line.

JC: Going back to when Hawk quit, what were the plans for you, did Vince know what was going on?

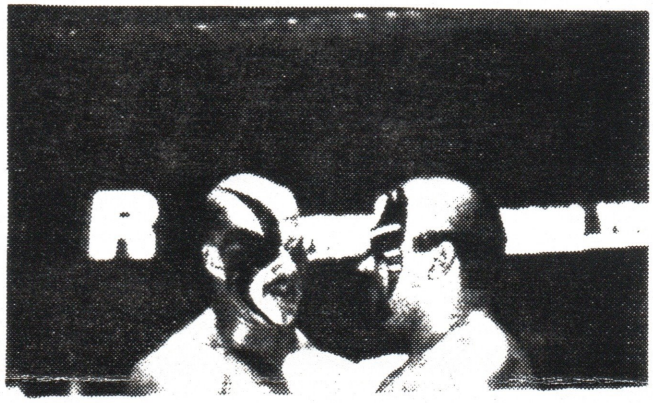
ANIMAL: Vince didn't have any idea what was going on. He didn't get the message until the second day that Hawk had quit.

JC: It seems as though throughout the summer that LOD was kind of being toned down, working with the Beverlies, but were there plans to do big things with it again?

ANIMAL: You look at the talent they have, who was the right talent? But things were going to change. When a guy does something like that, he not only effects one family, which is mine, he doesn't only effect two families, which is Paul's, he ended up effecting about four or five families. Things just should have been a little more thought out before they were acted, that's all.

JC: Do you think that if Hawk was still there you would've still quit today?

ANIMAL: No, I wouldn't have quit if I was together with Hawk. But if I would've, I would have talked to him about it first. I would have given him that much courtesy. And after nine years, there's no common courtesy whatsoever.



Hey, I agree brother, there ain't nobody more tired of this shit after ten years than I am. I mean I got three kids, let's face it, I've got something that I have to rush home for everyday, he's a single man, so I guess I'm kind of mislead of where the pressures are.

JC: When you went over for the Europe tour after Summer-Slam, they teamed you with Crush. Were there plans to keep you guys together and build you up as a team?

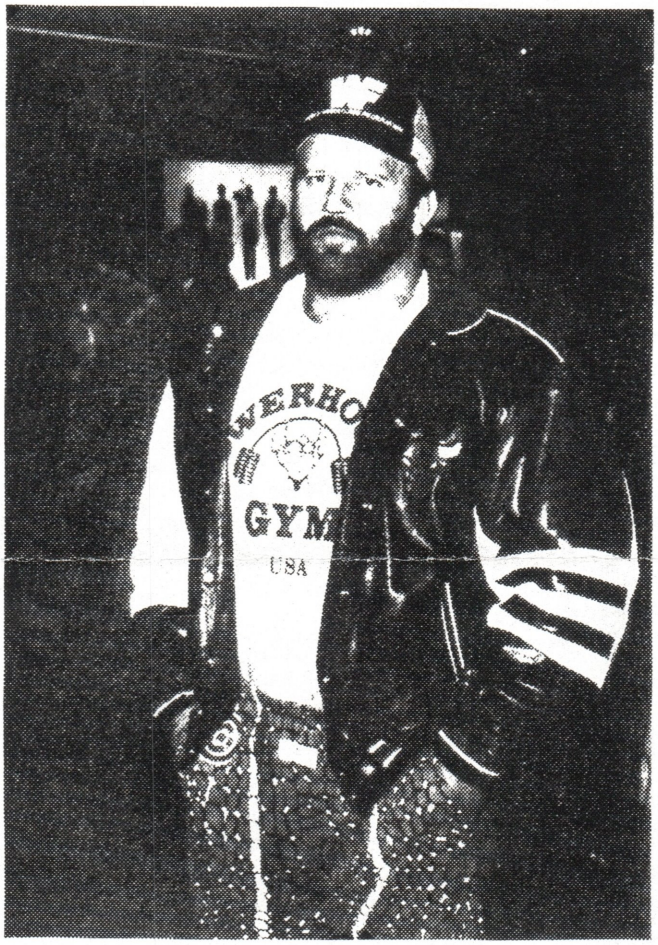
ANIMAL: They put Crush and I together and they accepted Crush and I together, no problem. But still, in hindsight, it's not The LOD and it's not The Road Warriors and it bothered me. If Crush and I would have stayed together, it would have been two separate identities tagging up. It would have been like the old days of Sonny King and Chief Jay Strongbow tagging, two separate identities tagging up, that's the only thing it would have been. Crush and I would have agreed on it if it could have been done the right way, but it just works out better this way, that way it doesn't hurt me, it doesn't hurt Crush, I can take a couple years off here, collect whatever I need to collect and I could always come back in two years. Davey Boy did it, he was in a car accident, he came back two years later, and look what he's doing now. The Road Warrior myth, The Legion of Doom myth will never die, in this business, it will never die. Who knows, two years from now, Hawk and I may be getting back together. All they have to do is reunite The Road Warriors and it will be one of the biggest things that hit the business. But for right now, he made his decision, abrupt as it may be, to go his own way, and I guess I've got to respect that. But I have my views where I don't have to like it, and nobody's going to make me like it, but I wouldn't do that to anybody, but everybody's different, I mean life goes on.

JC: What was going on in the last couple of weeks with you. Did you want to find a new partner, did you want to bring your brother in with you?

ANIMAL: After all the years together with Hawk, I figured, hey, you can't get any closer than blood. My brother, Terminator, he's a big bad kid, you're talking about a kid here. Eight years ago he benchpressed 420 (pounds) getting out of high school. He's a powerhouse and he's a very good wrestler, every bit as good as anybody else is, he just hasn't had the breaks. He's doing fine down in the Bahamas and the Caribbean and he would have been a great partner. It just never got through that far, none of these plans ever got through to their final stages, I put a halt on them before they ever got going.

JC: What have you been doing for the last two weeks before you quit?

ANIMAL: I wrestled Papa Shango all of last week and oh yeah, Double Trouble was a treat. The one is about 500 pds and the slam was kind of awkward, so I went to the belly to



back and got him pretty easily. He's shaped like a pear so slamming him is like trying to scrape your knuckles along ground, trying not to drop him. But as for my future, there were no plans at all. The WWF is a good organization. With this sport, this business, what you put into it is what you are going to get out of it. The travel may be rough here and there, but if you can handle it and stick it out, you are going to make some money, and that's what we're all in it for, financial security for our families and everything.

JC: After Hawk got done his suspension, you guys returned at WrestleMania with Paul. Whose actual decision was it for bringing him back?

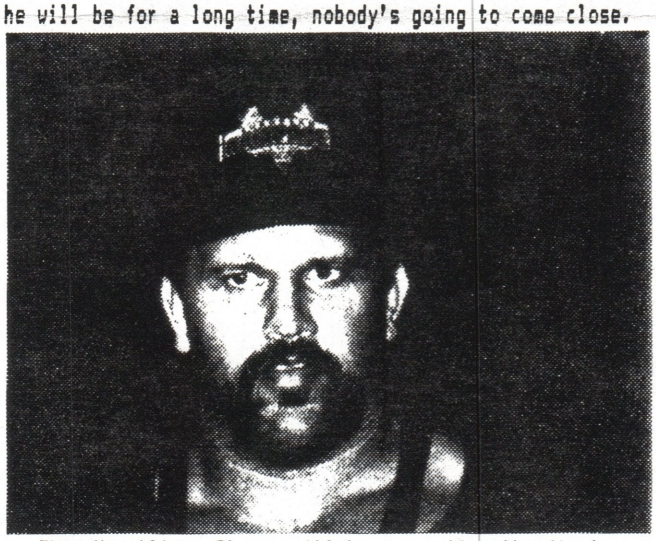
ANIMAL: See, we've always kept in contact with Paul through the years, anyway. And we had thought, we want impact, and were going to bring an impact, bring Paul back. And as you can tell from the reaction we got, Paul is no stranger to wrestling, we got a standing ovation. Paul jumped about coming back.

JC: Along with Paul, came the Rocco puppet. Did you like the idea, I mean, do you think it took away from that Superman image you guys had?

ANIMAL: No, overall, no. People knew we were still going to kick ass. Rocco, on a shoot side, it wasn't of the exact thing, but it was something that actually, my grandfather had given me when I was a little kid. It was more of a monumental thing than anything else. And that's legit and the whole story that was written about it was on the up and up. It wasn't lost in the city where our neighborhood got demolished, but it was lost in a fire, more less. You know, you've got to change things here and there to make it work for TV, but it was a legit thing and it was all pretty much Paul's idea. It was working okay, marketing wise it would have worked through the roof. I can live with it or I can live without it, I didn't really care about the doll.

JC: That being a cartoon gimmick, did Vince love that?

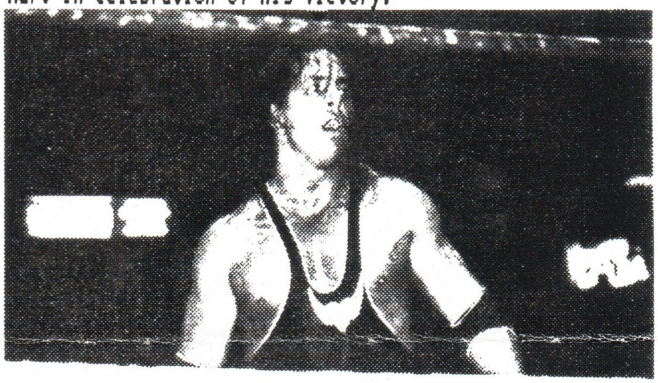
ANIMAL: Brother, from day to day, you can not tell what Vince will like and not like, so I can't even comment on it. But you've got to respect the guy, he's a genius for what he's accomplished in this business. He's the king and he will be for a long time, nobody's going to come close.

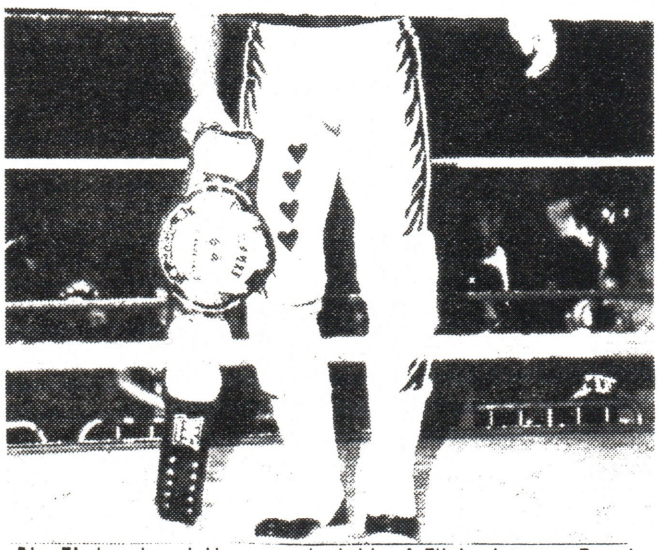


The Wrestling Flyer will be presenting the first ever Legends of Wrestling Fans Convention on Saturday January 23 and Sunday January 24, 1993, from 12pm to 6pm each day. The two day event emanates from the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Airport in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Superstars already signed to appear at this event include Sid Justice Vicious, Road Warrior Hawk, Terry Funk, Kerry Von Erich, Woman, and several major superstars from World Championship Wrestling, as well as others who will be added in the next few weeks. We have contacted Animal as we would like to bring him in and have a reunion of the legendary Road Warriors tag team. He said that he would enjoy doing it and all that needs to be done now is the signing of the contract. Our next issue will have the complete details involved in this matter. Admission tickets (each day) are $5 at the door and only $3 if purchased in advance. VIP admission and special packages are available as well. For all inquiries, including information regarding dealer tables, advance ticket sales, and for all other questions, please call the Legends of Wrestling offices at (800) 435-5267. Also, on the night of Jan. 23 in the Radisson Hotel, you'll see the first ever co-promoted joint card between Tod Gordon's Eastern Championship Wrestling and Dennis Coralluzzo's World Wrestling Alliance. There will be more information in the next issue.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Bret Hart won the WWF Championship from Ric Flair at the TV tapings in Saskatoon, SK, on 10/12 in a great match that went about 24 minutes. He beat him when Flair submitted to his sharpshooter. The title change was announced on WWF TV over the weekend of 10/17 and they aired an interview with Hart in celebration of his victory.





Ric Flair missed the second night of TV tapings on Tuesday and missed his scheduled appearances for the next two days as he flew back to his home in Charlotte, NC. His damaged nerve endings in his ear were causing him dizziness and he went to his doctor to get it taken care of. He then worked on Friday 10/16 at the Nassau Coliseum, but didn't work the Philadelphia show the next day. He was present, though, as he was in DiBiase's corner when he wrestled The Ultimate Warrior. The word out is that Ric is not feeling well and is having problems with his back again and may have to get it operated on again. By the way, anybody catch Ric on CNN on 10/21 at a rally for George Bush. At one point, he waved his four fingers around while saying, 'Four more years,' or was it an awesome shoot about The Four Horsemen.

At the WWF TV tapings on 10/13 in Regina, SK, Ted DiBiase & IRS (Money Inc) won back the WWF Tag Team Championships from Typhoon & Earthquake (Natural Disasters), which caused another event to take place. After the match, Jimmy Hart and Money Inc were all excited about their title victory. However, the Nasty Boys were very upset at the fact that Jimmy Hart got Money Inc the title shots, instead of them. In a live interview, the Nasty Boys made their complete turn to faces when they picked up Hart over their heads and threw him on to DiBiase & IRS, who had come out and stood on the floor surrounding the interview platform. This occurrence caused a brawl between the four wrestlers. Nasty Boys-Money Inc matches for the tag titles will start within the next several weeks. The Nasties are still out of action as one of them is still recuperating from his knee injury.

The interesting thing about the title change is that Money Inc wrestled the day earlier, 10/12, with the tag belts, when the title switch didn't actually take place until the next day, 10/13. Typhoon was not present at the first day of the tapings on 10/12 and had missed his dates for the week before because his wife was having a baby. He returned on 10/13 and has made all his dates since then.

There are some problems right now regarding The Ultimate Warrior. His future with the company is not known at this time, but for now he's staying with Titan. The problems all started when Warrior (James Hellwig) found out about the enormous amount of money Vince was making off him with the merchandising of his character. Warrior is negotiating right now with Vince for a larger cut in that and there's probably other things he wants as well, but we can only speculate that it's for more money and less time on the road. Another part of this story is that he now has a new agent, a female, who either quit Titan Sports or was fired, this all taking place within the last two weeks.

Three house shows that were scheduled to take place in the earlier part of the week were canceled. On 10/18, two shows were canceled, an afternoon show in Binghamton, NY, and the

night show that would have featured the same talent in Rochester, NY. On the next day, the scheduled house show in Portland, OR, was canceled. All were presumably canceled due to poor ticket sales but Titan told each arena that it was due to injuries and illnesses of the scheduled talent.

The originally proposed site of WrestleMania was Tampa, Florida's, USF Stadium, but was then changed to a site in England. Then it was Madison Square Garden, but not anymore. The new building of talk is the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. We'll have to wait and see because time changes everything, especially with the state the business is in right now.

Kokina debuted at last weeks tapings in his new role as Yokazena. He is being billed as the first sumo wrestler to ever wrestle professionally. They announced his weight as 505 pds and he is managed by Mr. Fuji. He worked three squash matches in the two nights and was impressive.

Marty Jannetty returned at those tapings and wrestled some squash matches, but more importantly, started his feud with Shawn Michaels. He ran in from the crowd and attacked Shawn as well as smashing Sherri's mirror over her head. They have tentatively scheduled a Michaels-Jannetty match for Survivor Series, which should be great.

Sensational Sherri Martel went home after the tapings to take care of her mother who was getting an operation and won't return again on the road until you're reading this.

Hawk finally got his release from Titan and is free to work elsewhere now. He has been booked to work the big New Japan 1/4 show at the Tokyo Egg Dome in Japan.

The WWF earned big money on their recent European tour. The following are the money and attendance figures from each of the shows held during this tour;

9/25- Westfallenhalle in Dortmund, Germany, had 12,435 people which brought in $355,364 (526,756 German marks).

9/26- Sporthalle in Hamburg, Germany, had 5,700 people which brought in $195,791 (290,221 German marks).

9/27- Ostsehalle in Kiel, Germany, had 5,750 people which brought in $160,431 (237,807 German marks).

9/28- Arena in Sheffield, England, had a sellout of 12,000 which brought in $357,092 (195,133 British pounds).

9/29- NEC Arena in Birmingham, England, had a sellout of 12,000 which brought in $352,491 (207,047 British pounds).

9/30- Deutschlandhalle in Berlin, Germany, had a sellout of 8,852 which brought in $276,608 (392,230 German marks).

10/1- Olympiohalle in Munich, Germany, had a sellout of 10,600 which brought in $317,461 (451,430 German marks).

10/2- Unterfranenhalle in Aschaffenburg, Germany, had 4,644 which brought in $146,966 (209,206 German marks).

10/3- Festhalle in Frankfurt, Germany, had 8,380 which brought in $272,961 (388,560 German marks).

As mentioned above, Madison Square Garden will not host the next WrestleMania, but on 11/28 they will feature a card headlined by Nailz-Warrior and Backlund-Mountie. It should be interesting to see if those matches can draw.

WWF at the Los Angeles Sports Arena in Los Angeles, CA, on 10/10 before about 5,500 fans: Virgil beat Skinner. Crush beat Papa Shango by DQ when Shango used his skull that shot fire into Crush's face. Earthquake pinned IRS. Razor Ramon beat Randy Savage by countout. High Energy beat the Beverly Brothers when KoKo B. Ware pinned Blake. Shawn Michaels pinned Tito Santana in an awful match, mainly due to the fact that Santana injured his back two weeks earlier and is still feeling pain. Bret Hart beat Ric Flair by DQ when Flair pulled the ref in front of him to block the oncoming Hitman. They return to L.A. on 11/14.

WWF at the Sun Dome in Yakima, WA, on 10/10: Repo Man beat Jim Powers. Animal beat Double Trouble (Tony & Val Puccio - the Undertakers from IWCCW) in a handicapp match. Nailz pinned Big Bossman. Max Moon (Paul Diamond) pinned Terrific Terry Taylor. Tatanka beat Mountie. British Bulldog pinned Kamala in the main event.

WWF Superstars TV taping at the Saskatchewan Place in Saskatoon, SK, on 10/12 before 7,800 fans: Big Bossman beat Nailz. Terrific Terry Taylor wrestled Tito Santana to a 10 minute time limit draw. Max Moon pinned Louie Spicollie. Marty Jannetty beat Mike Sharpe. Headshrinkers beat Brian Costello & Joey Maggs. Kamala beat Brian Jewel. Money Inc beat High Energy. Rick Martel beat Jim Brunzell. Berzerker beat Brian Helter. Virgil beat Jim Peterson. Tatanka pinned Dusty Wolfe. Shawn Michaels beat Jim Brunzell. Jim Powers beat Barry Horowitz. Yokazena beat Don Hutchinson. Crush pinned Papa Shango. Headshrinkers beat Bill Rogers & Bobby St. Laurant. Nailz beat Ken Johnson. IC Champion British Bulldog beat Repo Man. Yokazena pinned Bill Jordan. Randy Savage & Ultimate Warrior beat Money Inc by countout. Bret Hart beat Ric Flair by submission with his sharpshooter in a 24 minute match, capturing the WWF Championship.

WWF Challenge TV tapings at the Agradome in Regina, SK, on 10/13 before about 5,500 fans: Big Bossman pinned Nailz. Marty Jannetty pinned Dusty Wolfe. Razor Ramon pinned Tito Santana. Rick Martel beat Ken Johnson. British Bulldog beat Louie Spicollie. Headshrinkers beat Bill Jordan & Brian Jewel. Yokazena beat Joey Maggs. Max Moon beat Repo Man by DQ. Jim Powers beat Barry Horowitz. Razor Ramon pinned Don Hutchinson. Papa Shango beat Jim Gillespie. British Bulldog beat Shawn Michaels by DQ. Crush beat Mike Sharpe. Tatanka pinned Beau Beverly. Marty Jannetty pinned Skinner. Randy Savage wrestled Razor Ramon to a double-countout. Crush beat Rick Martel by DQ. Shawn Michaels pinned Big Bossman. Bret Hart beat Berzerker. Yokazena beat Shane Kroft. Money Inc beat Natural Disasters to win the WWF Tag Team Titles. Bret Hart & Ultimate Warrior beat Kamala & Papa Shango.

WWF at the Copps Coliseum in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on 10/14: Virgil beat Skinner. Tatanka pinned Repo. Earthquake pinned IRS. Ultimate Warrior pinned DiBiase (subbing for Ric Flair). Terry Taylor pinned Jim Powers. Crush pinned Mountie. WWF Champion Bret Hart pinned Nailz.

WWF at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, CA, on 10/17 with about 1,700 fans: Santana beat Brawler. Animal beat Shango. Beverlies beat Bushwhackers. Michaels beat Bulldog by DQ. Bossman pinned Kamala and after the match, Kamala attacked Bossman, but Animal made the save. Max Moon beat Horowitz. Razor Ramon beat Randy Savage by countout.

WWF at the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, NY, on 10/16 with 14,000: Taylor beat Powers. Tatanka beat Repo. Crush beat Mountie (wore Zubaz pants, Polo shirt, and sneakers). Flair

beat Warrior by DQ when Warrior nailed Flair with a chair. Virgil beat Skinner. Disasters beat Money Inc by countout. WWF Champion Bret Hart pinned Nailz.

WWF at the Spectrum in Philadelphia, PA, on 10/17 with 6,000: Taylor beat Powers. Tatanka beat Repo. Crush beat Mountie by sub. Warrior beat DiBiase. Virgil beat Skinner. Quake beat IRS (wore tag belt). Hart pinned Nailz and after the match, Hart spent five minutes greeting the fans.

WWF at the Civic Center in Hartford, CT, on 10/19 before 2,600: Taylor beat Powers. Tatanka pinned Repo. Crush beat Mountie. Hart pinned Nailz. Virgil beat Skinner. Earthquake pinned IRS. Warrior pinned DiBiase (Ric Flair in corner).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

They taped two editions of the WCW Saturday Night TV show at the tapings in Atlanta at Center Stage on 10/19 before the usual crowd of 750 people. The Saturday Night taped to air on 10/24 had several different situations occurring. In the opening match, Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton wrestled Rick Steamboat & Dustin Rhodes to a time limit draw. There was also a great post-match brawl in this one. The reason for this match was to illustrate that Barry Windham once again no-showed and left Dustin all alone. After the match, Jim Ross interviewed Michael Hayes, who was in the corner of Arn & Bobby. Hayes began teasing Dustin about the fact that Windham had turned his back on him, which led to Dustin hitting Hayes. This will air 1 day before Havoc, hoping to leave a lot of speculation in the fans' minds as to what will happen the next day at Havoc when Dustin & Barry are scheduled to defend the tag belts against Doc & Gordy. Barry is going to make a turn, but whether it happens at Havoc remains to be seen. Next, Ross interviewed Tony Atlas and Cactus Jack, who talked about Barbarian winning the belt from Simmons. Then Barbarian wrestled a squash as did Van Hammer. From there, Tex Salinger & Shanghai Pierce (Mean Mark Caterbury) wrestled a squash. Ross then interviewed Paul E. who introduced The Masked Intruder (jobber under a hood) and announced that Intruder was hired to get rid of Erik Watts, which he didn't do as Watts beat him with a fireman's carry?! Then Ross interviewed Paul E., who was then approached by Madusa, wanting to schedule a meeting with Paul E, who basically said he was too busy. Johnny Gun and Rick Rude wrestled squashes and then Rude & Madusa were interviewed, which was interrupted by Nikita Koloff, who challenged Rude for the US title at Havoc. Steve Austin was interviewed and then was pinned cleanly in a match, by Shane Douglas. During that match, Brian Pillman appeared, but didn't interfere. The ending to the show saw Cactus & Atlas beat on Robbie Walker after he had hit Cactus during an interview.

The Saturday Night that will air the week after Havoc on 10/31 started off with Teddy Long introducing Johnny B. Badd, who said he was the prettiest man in WCW. Scotty Flamingo came out and argued with Badd about that statement and they had a verbal confrontation. Then Tex Salinger & Shanghai Pierce worked a squash, followed by one with Pillman, who was then challenged by Shane Douglas in a confrontation that was halted by a ref. Johnny Gun worked a squash and then Cactus beat Robbie Walker. Next, Nikita (wasn't wearing a belt) wrestled a squash match. In the final part of the show, Paul E. brought another guy out to get rid of Erik Watts, this time the man being Bobby Eaton. And unbelievably, Watts cleanly pinned Eaton?? Incredible.

Halloween Havoc takes place this Sunday, October 25 at The Philadelphia Civic Center and seven matches are scheduled. Ron Simmons defends the WCW Championship against Barbarian (with Cactus Jack in his corner), Rick Rude challenges Masa Chono for the NWA Championship, Jake Roberts meets Sting in a "Spin the Wheel, Make the Deal" match, Rick Rude will assign either Steve Austin or Big Van Vader to defend his US Championship against Nikita Koloff, Ricky Steamboat vs Brian Pillman, Rhodes & Windham will defend the tag titles against Gordy & Williams (Sasaki will have a big influence on this match), and Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton & Michael Hayes vs Tom Zenk & Shane Douglas & Johnny Gun. The advance ticket sales for this event, as of 10/21, were hovering around the 3,000 mark and the building holds 10,000 seats. We'll have to see how they do with walk-ups.

THE INDEPENDENT SCENE

"Codie Gives Hulk The Cold Shoulder" is the headline of a story that ran in the 10/21 edition of The New York Daily Times: "Big, strong, handsome, well at least big and strong wrestler Hulk Hogan struck out Monday night when he tried to put the moves on former Penthouse Pet Codie Carmack at The China Club. She just said, "no." Hulk had more success picking up rocker Billy Idol, literally, as the two guys horsed around in a show of male bonding after Codie left. Nearby, actor Wesley Snipes, drummer Jason Bonham, and several weary football giants."

Pro wrestling is in a major slump right now and it could be at one of the lowest points in history, business wise. Recently, we've seen the TV ratings and some house show attendances drop to all-time lows. Another major part of wrestling's financial success, the PPV industry, is seeing it's ratings drop year by year. An article on that subject appeared in The Philadelphia Inquirer on 10/14: Wrestling's biggest PPV showcase, the annual show called WrestleMania, has been steadily dimming during this decade. Recent buy rates are 5.6 for WrestleMania V in 1989, 4.5 for WrestleMania VI in 1990, 3.5 for WrestleMania VII in 1991, and 2.6 for WrestleMania VIII in 1992. At this rate of decline, in three more years no one will be watching WrestleMania!

ECW has a show at the Chestnut Cabaret in Philly on 10/24 at 1:30pm with ECW Champion Don Muroco vs Jimmy Snuka, Ivan Koloff vs Tommy Cairo, Johnny Hotbody vs Tony Stetson, ECW Tag Team Champions Super Destroyers vs Cream Team, Sandman & Peaches vs J.T. Smith & Tigra in a mixed tag match, Larry Winters & Jimmy Jannetty vs Chris Michaels & Damion Stone, and Missy Hyatt and boyfriend Jason Hervey will be there for pictures and autographs.

Tommy Dee's UWS has several upcoming shows in the New York City area. The Great Neck North High School in Great Neck, Long Island, on 11/6 will feature UWS Champion Jimmy Snuka

vs Greg Valentine and Don Muroco vs Hercules. The Kingston Memorial Auditorium in Kingston on 11/7 has Snuka-Muroco and Hercules & Greg Valentine vs The New Demolition (Ax & Blaster). The high school in Cottonville (Staten Island) on 11/13 will feature Muroco & Hercules vs Snuka & Tiger Cat (Mike Fury) and Valentine vs S.D. Jones. The Fire Department Hall in Farmingville, Long Island, on 11/14 will host the UWS with Snuka-Muroco, Hercules-Valentine, and Tiger Cat-Great Big Cat.

MEWF has a card on 11/14 in Gaithersburg, MD, with Ivan Koloff vs Max Thrasher, Lightning Kid vs Jimmy Jannetty, and others. For ticket info, call (410)285-7059.

Dennis Galamb's UWA has a show at the Dunne Sports Center in Elizabeth, NJ, on 11/20 with Jim Neidhart vs Iron Mike Sharpe and featuring the Wild Samoans (Afa & Samu), Misty Blue, Linda Dallas, Chris Candito, and Cheetah Kid.

The Moondogs captured the USWA Tag Team Championships from Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett on the live TV show in Memphis on 10/3. The only difference is that Lawler wrestled both Moondogs by himself, as Jarrett wasn't there, he was in New York that weekend working for WWF.

USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum in Memphis, TN, on 10/5: Tom Prichard beat Brickhouse Brown. The Dream Warriors beat Tony Falk & Hornet. Reno Riggins beat Tazmaniac by DQ. Jimmy Hart's tag team of Mr. Hughes & Jeff Gaylord beat Tony Williams & Robert Gibson. Brian Christpher beat Danny Davis by DQ. The Blackhearts battled USWA Champion Junkyard Dog & Hacksaw Jim Duggan in a match that was ruled a no-contest. USWA Tag Team Champs Moondogs beat Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett by DQ when Lawler piledrived the referee.

USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum in Memphis, TN, on 10/12: Butch Reed beat Junkyard Dog with the help of a foreign object to capture the USWA Championship.

WWWA at the high school in Pottstown, PA, on 10/10 before 710 people: Kerry Von Erich beat Honky Tonk Man by DQ when Honky's manager brought in the guitar, but Kerry ducked and Honky got nailed. Nikolai Volkoff beat Vladimir Markov. Heidi Lee Morgan beat Artic Wolf. Dennis Diamond beat Metal Maniac. Buswhackers beat Steve Savage & Jim the Messenger by DQ. Johnny Hotbody wrestled Tony Stetson to a double-DQ. Mr.Ebony beat Johnny Rebel. King Kaluha beat Larry Winters.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Johnny B. Badd: Marc Mero officially returns to action with the WCW on November 1, as that's when Badd's doctor is releasing him. He had injured his elbow and had undergone surgery and since then has trained two hours a day with his personal trainer to fully heel his elbow. He has also spent a lot of time visiting schools, hospitals, and nursing homes out of his own free time.

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